# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE ON CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have set up a task force to study and tackle WTO related aspects on chemicals and fertilizers industry;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received the report of the task force;

(c) if so, the main recommendations thereof;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government are considering for setting up of a one time fund to help Naphtha based fertilizer industry; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS ( SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): In the light of the bound rate commitments for DAP and removal of QuantitativeRestriction on urea by 31.3.2001, the Task Force recommended options regarding policy measures for the fertilizer sector in accordance with the WTO provisions including Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) and differential rate of concession for DAP. However, under the Export & Import policy announced on 31.3.2001 by the Government, the import of urea has been placed under a State Trading Enterprise (STEs) arrangement from 1.4.2001.Under this arrangement the imports are allowed only through the STEs namely State Trading Corporation of India(STC), MMTC Ltd and Indian Potash Ltd (IPL) subject to para 4.8 of the Exim policy.The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) can,however, grant a licence to any other person for import of urea.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Question does not arise.